

July 20, 1937

Mrs. Earl Hinsman
Rutland
Vermont

My dear Mrs. Hinsman:

Wednesday morning of last week we began the work of putting galleries in Mead Chapel, and the scaffolding is already up and active work on the walls has begun.

The final estimate as detailed is \$11,038.59. It will cost rather more than we at first expected. I hope very much that you will feel that I am only sending this information because of your request for it, and even more strongly I hope you will not feel that we submitted the idea of galleries to you with any thought that it was in any way a suggestion or a plea for help. The gift of the Chapel was a very generous one and no one can estimate the contribution it has been over the years, both from the physical as well as the spiritual standpoint.

The only point was that the College had so outgrown all its quarters that something had to be done, and we were not willing to consider changing our practice in respect to chapel attendance, so great has been its value. And we did wish to have your consent to any change made in a building given to the College by your father.

In exactly the same way, when we had outgrown the Starr Library, which was given the College by the Starr family, and had in hand money for its enlargement, we went to Dr. Starr for permission to make the enlargement. He not only consented to our plans, but refused to allow another donor to give anything toward the construction, saying that since it was a Starr Library, he did not wish any but Starr money to go into the building. The amount was more than he wanted to lay out in one payment so he spread it over several years, reimbursing the College in partial payments. We have contemplated a change in Hepburn Hall, but there again I would not be willing to go ahead without the consent of Mrs. Hepburn.

Cordially yours,

Mead Chapel